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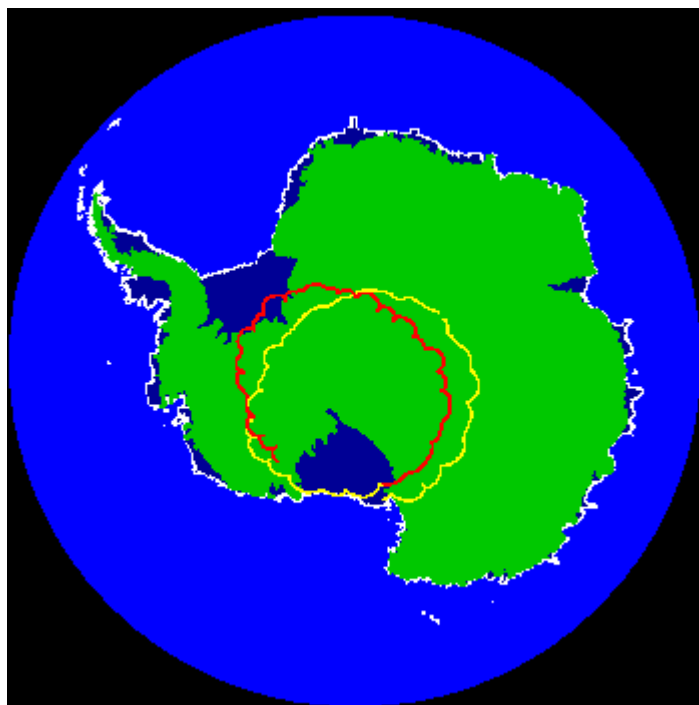


Super Pressure Balloon Still at Float

The super pressure balloon flight in Antarctica continues. The balloon has flown for 23+ days at a constant altitude with the flight performance as predicted. Members of the Balloon Program Office staff are on rotating balloon monitoring shifts.

Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility ULDB - Flight 591NT - LDB Relayed Real Time GPS Data

Payload position (in red) as of: 13:33:30Z 01/20/09
Latitude: 79°7.49 S
Longitude: 142°24.89 W
Altitude: 111053 Feet
18.74 Knots @ 261.00°



In addition to the super pressure balloon, the University of Hawaii Manoa's Antarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna (ANITA) flight continues. ANITA has flown for 30+ days.

Track the balloons online at: <http://www.csbfs.nasa.gov/antarctica/ice0809.htm>

Mike Griffin Bids Farewell

Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, Mike Griffin began his duties as the 11th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on April 14, 2005. Griffin's tenure ended on Jan. 20, 2009.

In an All Hands broadcast by NASA TV on Friday, January 16, Griffin addressed NASA employees for the last time.

"I am officially on duty until noon, Eastern Time, on the 20th, but the government is closed down on Monday and Tuesday for all the obvious reasons. So today is my last chance to visit with everybody, and I thought I would finish up my term in the way that I started, talking to the NASA employees in an All Hands. I made a few notes because I didn't want to forget any more people than I have to forget, which will inevitably be some, and so, if I forget you as I say thanks, all I can ask is forgiveness."

Wallops Shorts.....

On the Road

Joe Mitchell, NASA Environment Office, participated in a Career Day event at Stephen Decatur Middle School, Berlin, MD., on January 14. Approximately 650 7th and 8th grade students attended the event.

Balloon News

Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility personnel have returned to Palestine, Texas, from Antarctica. Personnel that will be supporting the winter campaign in Esrange, Sweden, are preparing to depart for Sweden.

Sounding Rocket News

The Winter 2009 sounding rocket campaign from Poker Flat Research Range is holding awaiting launch conditions. A team from Clemson University also is on-site at the Andoya Rocket Range, Norway, to monitor the launches from Alaska.

Say Hello to our new Interns

The Balloon Program Office has welcomed a new Suborbital Center of Excellence co-op student, Efrain Garcia. He is a junior in mechanical engineering at New Mexico State University and will be supporting the BPO's research and development efforts until May.

Four students participating in the Undergraduate Student Research Program (USRP) during the spring semester have arrived. They are Rochelle Halama, Wisconsin; Matthew Hanley, Colorado; Rachel Steinhardt, Massachusetts; and Mark Yagnatinsky, Pennsylvania. They will be mentored by: Donna Smith, NASA Systems Software Engineering Branch; Dave Wilcox, NASA Mechanical Systems Branch; Tiffany Moisan, NASA Ocean Sciences Branch; and Scott Heatwole, NASA Guidance, Navigation, and Control and Mission Systems Engineering Branch.

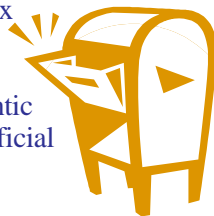
A Reminder About Personal Mail

The Wallops Mail Services Center (WMSC) processes official mail only. Personal mail may be dropped at either of these locations: Bldg. E-7, Wallops Island Post Office; USPS drop box on the west side of Bldg. E-7; or the USPS drop box on the west side of Bldg E-107.

Employees located on Wallops Island may use the Assawoman or Atlantic Post Office on Atlantic Road. Personal mail dropped in the outgoing official mail boxes, will be placed in the incoming mail box and returned.

The WMSC is committed to processing incoming, outgoing, and interoffice mail in a timely and cost-effective manner. The WMSC is located in Bldg. E-7 and is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Call Terry Ewell, WFF Mail Program Manager, at x1133 to express any concerns or suggestions for improved services.



Wallops employees are required to purchase certain items manufactured from recycled materials instead of new materials. It is not only required, it helps us all take a part in saving natural resources.

Anyone that serves as a credit card holder, purchase request initiator, etc, either directly or through a contract is required to annually report purchases of the following items:

Paper, envelopes, file folders, newsprint, tissues, paper towels, sanitary tissue, napkins, industrial wipes, paperboard, binders, recycling containers, waste receptacles, plastic clipboards, plastic desktop accessories, plastic envelopes, plastic folders, printer ribbons, toner cartridges, trash bags, awards and plaques, industrial drums, manual grade strapping, mats, signs, sorbents, blasting grit, bike racks, traffic cones or barricades, parking stops, building insulation, carpet cushion, concrete, floor tiles, laminated paperboard, latex paint, polyester fiber carpet, restroom dividers, structural fiberboard, compost, park benches, picnic tables, engine coolants, lubricating oils (not aircraft), vehicle parts or tires

These items must be purchased with the recommended recovered content as stated at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg> or a waiver must be initiated by the purchaser and signed by the Environmental Office.

In addition, mobile equipment hydraulic fluids, urethane roof coatings, water tank coatings, diesel fuel additives, penetrating lubricants, bedding, bed linens, and towels should have been purchased with biobased content (made from agricultural products).

Each year Wallops is required to report on purchases. If you or anyone in your organization purchased any of the above items in fiscal year 2008 either with the recommended recovered content/biobased content or without, provide the Environmental Office with the purchasing information by January 30.

The information may be submitted electronically to Marianne.F.Simko@nasa.gov or by guard mail to Marianne Simko, Bldg. F-160.

Required information includes total dollars spent on the item, total dollars spent on items with recommended recovered/biobased content, total number of items purchased, and total number of items purchased with the recommended recovered/biobased content.

Items purchased directly through the stock system, without any changes to the stock system generated item, do not need to be reported.

For further information, contact Marianne Simko at x2127.

Lunch & Learn Diabetic Teaching Tool

January 27

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bldg. E-2, Williamsburg Rm

Cynthia Lee, RN, Health Educator for Eastern Shore Rural Health will present a new Diabetic Teaching Tool. Diabetes Conversation Maps is conducted as a group learning session and is similar to a board game. Whether you are an “old” or a “new” diabetic, this will be a chance to share information and perhaps learn something new about how to handle/cope with diabetes.

Wallops Eco Club Logo and Motto Contest

No logo is a no-no and no motto is a no-go cause what we have is so-so. Think of your best eco logo and motto. Submit them solo or as a combo. Eco prizes will be awarded for the best logo and the best motto. The deadline is January 31. Send submissions to:

rachel.h.broemm@nasa.gov

American Red Cross Blood Drive

January 28

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bldg. F-3, Rocket Club

To schedule an appointment, sign up at www.givelife.org The code is Wallops.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, call the Health Unit at x1266. Donate blood before February 28 and be automatically entered to win a Pontiac Solstice convertible. Donors also will be given a t-shirt at the drive.

 Spacious two bedroom apartment, conveniently located on Chincoteague. \$275 + electricity Call Jerry at (757) 894-5914 leave a message

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